

The Bethel Courier

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Editorial Correspondence.

TOPSHAM, Oct. 10th, 1890

DEAR COURIER:—We took the cars on Tuesday night for this place. Arriving at the N. Yarmouth station we took a private conveyance across the town of Pownal and Freeport. Arriving at Pownal we visited the old homestead where we found our venerable sire at work improving the farm the same as in days of yore. He was busily engaged in clearing up a back swamp which we helped drain some thirty years ago, and which has been to him a mine of wealth. Venerable old man! He is almost the only survivor of the first generation of the town, being himself the third child born in that town. Only think of it! A man still living and able to perform bodily labor who was brought up in a wilderness in Cumberland County within forty miles of the sea coast. Our attention from him, who almost felt himself the younger of the two, we took the family carriage and passed through Freeport, and Brunswick to Topsham. On our way by a new road we came across a quarry of beautiful white felspar, the handsomest we have ever seen in Maine. We filled our bag with specimens. This felspar is used for the manufacture of mineral water, and we should think the specimens here very fine for that purpose. On arriving at Topsham we were met and entertained by the officers of the Sagadahoc Agricultural Society who were holding their annual Fair. The building of this Society is probably the best in the State. It is very commodious. On entering the lower floor, we found it well filled with a fine assortment of vegetables, agricultural implements and carriages. A potent charm attracted our attention from its simplicity.

In the second story we were surprised to find a very handsome display of fruit and the best arranged of any exhibition we have ever seen, among them was a seedling grape found in a field in Moonmouth which was well ripened and had much the taste of the White Sweet Water, though we thought a little more watery. It may prove a valuable variety. The collection of preserves, jellies and pickles was extensive. The exhibition of domestic manufactures was extensive, well arranged and beautiful.

The horse trotting we thought rather inferior, and so did others. The stock was said to be unusually fine. We did not see any except a cow recently purchased by Rev. Mr. Hyde of Bethel for one hundred dollars, which produces forty eight lbs of milk a day and which produced one lb of butter and was sold to Mr. Hyde by Hon. S. L. Goodale of Saco. At one o'clock we had the honor of addressing a thousand or more people on the ground, and it was said more that the address was very good. We left at three o'clock for home, having enjoyed ourselves fully in meeting numerous old pupils and friends on other days.

Mr. Anthony A. Frost of Pownal, reads a squab the present year weighing 78 lbs. It was very handsome.

We saw Bro. Tenny the other day at the Fair in Topsham standing up to a beehive, and the way he put into his mouth all the honey he could get without striking on the outside was slow. He looked as though this was the first time he ever had an idea of Paradise on earth. The Trustees were foolish enough to put him on that committee, but though it was generous to him, it was a losing concern to the owners of the honey.

ANNUAL FAIR, OF THE BETHEL FARMER & MECHANIC'S CLUB.

The Fair on Wednesday was a decided success. The weather was very fine. Early in the morning the streets of our village presented a scene of unusual activity. The first sight worthy of note was a little Miss driving a yoke of yearling steers, attached to a small cart, in which was seated two of her companions. Her "team" appeared to be well trained, and very gently; we understand that they have been wholly under the charge of their young mistress. Her name is—Ingelam, and lives in Albany.

The collection of people was the largest we have seen in this place. We were unable to witness the drawing match and trotting, but understood that they passed off satisfactorily. The display of Neat Stock was not so large as we would like to have seen, although it was good.

The Vestry was densely crowded during the day. The tables well filled with fruit, vegetables, farm produce and household manufactures. The display of fancy articles, paintings, &c., was very good. We were very much pleased with some specimens of ornamental painting by our friend I. H. Bennett, also, specimens of hair work by Mrs. Isaac N. Paine, of Biddeford. Miss Sarah J. Beach, of Boston, presented two very neat lamp ments. Mr. Mitchell presented some superb photographs and ambrotypes.

We noticed a patent door on exhibition by L. P. Holt which is just the thing to keep a room tight. The patent consists of a strip of rubber, applied to the edge of the door in such a manner as to exclude the air entirely. Mr. J. F. Bryant of West Bethel, presented two tools of good finish, manufactured by himself. We hope he will be liberally patronized in his business, as he is ready to supply all who are in want of pairs, tubs, and other copper ware.

Dr. Barker presented a large variety of fruit, raised by S. Chubbard, Esq., of Wellsboro, which was a fine display. There were several apples presented which measured 13 inches each.

The exercises in the evening consisted of an address by Reuben Foster, Esq., of Hanover. Reports of the various Committees, followed by several songs by Dr. Barker, which were listened to by a crowded audience. We were unable to attend, but by the repeated cheering should think the exercises were appreciated.

We give some of the Reports of the Committees, this week, and shall give the rest in our next issue.

Miscellaneous Articles.

PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS.

Some very fine specimens, by Miss M. D. Clough. They were neatly executed and evince a thorough understanding of the art, and we trust she may find encouragement sufficient to remain and instruct a class in the fine Art in this place.

Mr. Barrett presented samples of Ornamental painting which show he is perfectly at home while handling the brush.

Miss Matilda A. Swift exhibited a Ceylon-drawing, which was well done for one of her age.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Mr. Mitchell presented 19 samples, and if he is as successful in the future as with those exhibited, we trust he will be liberally patronized. We must not forget to mention a case of Ambrotypes presented by our Artist, showing that he is well skilled in the profession to which he seems so well adapted. A photograph of Mr. O. H. Mason was also here in frame executed by our former townsman J. E. Small.

Wax Flowers by Miss Dolly A. Grover, closely imitating nature.

There were 3 samples of Hair-work. One by Mrs. Isaac N. Paine, of Biddeford. One by Mrs. Jas. Grover, and by Miss Kate B. Barker; all very fine—requiring much taste to execute.

A very pretty Bar Frame by Mrs. Torrey.

2 Card Baskets, by Miss C. A. Grover. Also, a card basket by Mrs. J. W. Partridge. Vases of Burr work by Miss M. Grover.

WORSTED WORK.

Ottoman by Miss Mary E. Barker, cover worked in worsted. Also one of the same by Mrs. C. M. Wormell. Two Lamp mats, by Mrs. C. M. Wormell. One do, by Mrs. J. W. Partridge. One Knit Worsted Lamp Mat by Mrs. J. W. Partridge. Also, by the same, a Worsted Tidy. Miss Mary E. Barker has also a worsted tidy. Cotton tidy by Mrs. Farwell, very pretty. Worsteds goods from the shop of Miss S. Russell & Co. Flannel gloves, by Mrs. Mary A. Beavins, good.

Muslin embroidery by Miss Caroline Beavins. Also shirt bosom by same. All very neatly executed. Yoke and sleeves by Miss Hurd, the best on exhibition. Transferred work by Mrs. Gaines, which was very fine. Embroidery on flannel by Mrs. Gilman, beautifully done. Also infant sock, in crochets by the same. Collar in crochets by Mrs. M. A. Twitchell, the only entries. Two beautiful mats in crochets by Miss Beach.

Mrs. Jacob Lovjoy of Albany—one pair worsted stockings, seven socks to the pair, seldom excelled. Also by the same, eight skeins of worsted yarn. Mrs. J. Beattie, 11 skeins of worsted yarn. Mrs. B. is 88 years of age, she carded and spun the same, a feat we take it but few of the few of the young ladies of the present day can perform. Nine yarn by Mrs. Peter Bank, of Greenwood. Two skeins, spun and twisted by her daughter Miss K. Beck, who is nine years of age. This is deserving of the first premium. Gloves knit by Mrs. J. Beattie, aged 66.

One pair toilet slippers by Mrs. D. Hammond. Five samples of millinery by the Misses Town. Sewed basket with artificial blackberries, by Miss Lizzie Locke. Also, by the same, shell cushion. Sofa pillow case, by Miss M. L. Hayward. Knitted cotton rings by Mrs. Geo. W. Chapman, who also had two pots of fine flowers to grace the tables.

One pair pillow cases by Miss I. J. Grover, very nice—and a good step towards matrimony.

Bed-spread by Mrs. Hiram Twitchell, do, by Miss E. Farwell, do, Mrs. Hayden. All very good, and requiring much time and patience.

Drawn rugs of all varieties, one by Miss R. R. Chandler, do, by E. A. Chandler, two by Miss M. A. Goodenow, one by Mrs. J. Needham, and your Committee think them very fine, and trust the fair exhibitors may all have a pleasant home in which to exhibit them.

Balmoral skirt by Mrs. J. Kimball, the ladies all pronounced this very fine.

Filled cloth by Mrs. E. M. Carter—this sample took the premium at the County fair—may teach her daughters to do as well.

Cloaked Flannel by Mrs. G. V. Ellingwood, good.

One linen table cover by Mrs. A. Blake, very good.

Rag Carpets. One sample by Mrs. Chandler, entitled to the first premium. One by Mrs. M. Pattee, nearly as good. Also one sample by Mrs. C. R. Locke.

Miss Mary Waterhouse has a scarf so neatly darned that your committee were at a loss to know where the thing was done. There was also a specimen of darning a coat by Miss Thirza Mason. This was well done and is a true indication of a hidden purpose.

D. A. Twitchell presented three samples of Dulaine also several pairs of boots from his store on Main Street. Students friend made by Mr. A. G. Gaines. Also book bound by Mr. G.

Mr. J. F. Bryant has two wash-tubs, very neatly made.

Door, Sash & Blinds, from the Factory of Mr. S. W. Butterfield. They were fine samples—a credit to the man.

A large lot of hard-ware and farming tools were presented by M. Mason & Co.

Carving knife and fork by Mr. Dilaway, fit to grace a President's table. Means. Barnham & Mead presented several wagons from their well known factory—good in all respects—were well ironed, and painted by our friend Burkett.

Respectfully submitted, A. L. BURBANK, Miss G. FANSING, A. G. ADAPMAN, T. J. GROVER.

Agricultural Implements.

Your committee have attended to their duty, and beg leave to submit the following Report:—

There was presented by Gilman Chapman a number of patents for farm use which your Committee considered a great improvement, and worthy of a premium. Among them we found Hinds patent Horse rake which attracted considerable attention. Also a No. 1 Side-hill Plow made by Bisbee & Brown, your committee thought that with a good ox team and suitable driver, this Plow could be made to do good service. A No. 2 Plow of the same make, was no mean affair, also a No. 1 Seed Plow, a good improvement, your committee would, through Mr. Chapman award to Brown & Bisbee, the praise of being good Plow makers. A Horse Harrow, Cultivator and Horse Plow was also found among Mr. Chapman's varieties, all very fine improvements and worthy the notice of good farmers.

Among the articles entered by M. Mason & Co., your committee noticed a No. 1 Horse Plow with double mould Boards, this seems to have been made for service and does honor to its inventor, also entered by M. Mason & Co., 2 kinds of pumps one by Pieble, and the other by Gowing & Co. These Pumps though not capable of drawing water from a dry place have been known to procure it where other pumps have failed. We would recommend them to the public. Your Committee saw among Mason & Co.'s varieties some things exceedingly curious. A cast-iron Coffee Burner which we were told at first was to make folks ask questions and indeed it looked as much like this as any thing, if it is as good as it is curious it must be a grand thing. We noticed a cast iron Hog trough which is said to be remarkable for fatting Hogs without much food, this ought to have a premium. Also Jack screws and Carpenter, Garden and Masons tools, Spades and Shovels, Iron Bars and Ox-hoes, all of which your committee considered as worthy of praise and a fair trial.

We were particularly pleased with a Patent seed Sower exhibited by Gilman Chapman this is a grand improvement, every farmer should have it.

We were glad to find so good an assortment of Agricultural Implements and hope that all farmers will take our advice and try them for themselves.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. CHAPMAN, A. CHANDLER, J. A. TWITCHELL, } Committee.

HORSES, RIDING AND TROTTING.

The Committee on horses, riding and trotting, have watched the course of events designed for their special eye during the day, and have hastily drawn up a short report which I will read. But before doing so we wish the people to understand that our knowledge of the matter is limited, so we take this opportunity to entreat the good folks who are now listening for our decision, to make all due allowance for our insufficiencies.

There were several entries of horses and colts. Mr. George V. Ellingwood 1 breeding mare, dark red, 8 years old—a fine specimen. 1 four year old colt of the same stock, light red, bids fair.

Also 1 sucking colt 6 months old—very large of its age. James Grover: 1 two year old of good size and good points, stone grey.

Benjamin Russell, 1 two year old colt, bay, very large, and if well tended will make a very heavy, serviceable horse.

James Walker 1 family horse, five years old, black, and in the opinion of your committee the best family horse which came under their notice; also 1 four year old colt of same breed—which if well trained will make more than an average footer.

French Needham 1 two year old colt, light red, fair size, is calculated for a good horse.

Hawlin Hinch 1 yearling colt, stone gray, of superior build, and very large.

Leonard Grover 1 four year old colt, very heavy, a fine traveller, well trained and points good. This colt speaks well for the skill of its driver, Mr. Newton, and we take this opportunity to recommend him to the public as a horseman of the first water. There were no entries for riding.

Four entries were made for trotting. Distance traveled 1-4 of a mile, against time. Joshua Littlehale's light red did the best very prettily in 30 sec. Sullivan Hutchins's chestnut horse got home at the 45th sec, trotting fairly and squarely. Munroe Wormwell's chestnut horse came in in 42 sec, making the dust fly nicely. George Cook's dark mare cleared the track in 41 1/2, lying down to the work with a straight point. To say that they all did finely is but just, when we consider the crowded condition of the track, which evidently retarded the speed of the horses considerably. In conclusion we would say that it is still true that "a horse is a vain thing for astely, neither shall he deliver any by his great strength."

C. C. BARRETT, A. M. MERRILL, A. S. CHAPMAN, } Committee.

COMMITTEE ON NEAT STOCK.

The Committee on Neat Stock, have attended to their duty, and beg leave to report the following:—

There were about 20 head entered. Best District Team from Freeport Bartlett's neighborhood, 4 yokes.

Working oxen John C. Stearns, 1st premium. Israel Kimball do., very nice 1st premium.

Jas. Grover, 1 yoke 3 year olds, 2d premium. Also, one yoke 2 year olds.

Francis Barker, one calf, 8 months old, weighing 650 lbs. R. Needham one 5 years old bull, 1st premium.

E. B. Sturges, one yoke 3 years old steers, 2d premium.

Edward Rowe, one yoke 3 years old steers, 3d premium.

E. M. Carter, 6 calves, T. J. Kimball, do.

Gilman Chapman, 1 year old bull, 1st premium.

SETH WHITE, Chairman.

SAD ACCIDENT. We learn that a little daughter of Mr. Reuben Penly of this town, was burnt to death Tuesday, by her clothes taking fire when at play with other children in a pasture. They had built a fire in a stump and by some means her dress took fire in the upper part and burnt nearly off from her body when she was discovered by a pedler named Brown, who stripped off the burning clothes. She lingered for about five hours and died. She was attended by Drs. Wiley & Twitchell.

FATAL ACCIDENT. Mr. Benjamin B. Herrick, of Greenwood, who was engaged upon the stone-work of the new mills now building in Lewiston, was struck by a piece of timber, on Saturday, Sept. 29th, while assisting in the removal of a derrick, breaking one of his legs, and inflicting internal injuries, causing his death twenty-four hours after. Mr. Herrick was a young man of excellent character and habits, and his loss is sincerely mourned by a large circle of relations and friends. His age was 25 years.

A late letter from the U. S. Commissioner of Pensions, says that there are now but eighty-nine survivors of the army of the Revolution whose names were placed upon the rolls for pensions.

NEW MUSIC.

We have received from O. Ditson & Co., that great Emporium of Music in Boston, the following pieces:—

"Each hour of life to thee I turn,"—J. Badarzewski.—A beautiful melody. "Old times and Old Friends,"—J. H. M'Naughton.

"Flirtation Galops,"—Carl Zerk.

"Jemima took me down a peg,"—Comic song.—H. Walker. We shall turn it over to Dr. Barker.

"Gipsy Dory,"

"Mountain News Song,"—H. Pond.

Our musical friends can readily receive any music by mail, only address a letter with money enclosed to O. Ditson, Boston.

Our Town Fair seems to have been a highly successful affair. It has grown into importance from year to year until it now enlists everybody in this vicinity. We regretted not being able to be present.

A Pumpkin was exhibited at the Fair in Fryeburg this week weighing 78 lbs.

We met our fair young friend yesterday to whom a premium was deservedly awarded at the Town Fair for a nicely patched coat. She seemed quite dejected, and said that she had no idea that it was so much work to patch up a coat fit to be seen, and she had become almost discouraged at the idea of accepting the premium so generously bestowed on her. Such a premium as a good husband, would certainly fall into no better hands. We learn that the coat attracted a great deal of attention.

The Dollar Weekly Mirror, published at Manchester, N. H., comes to us this week in a new dress. It is a well conducted paper and enjoys a large circulation. Success to it.

Deaths.

In this town 10th, Mr. Luther Locke, aged 67 years.

COMMISSION STORE.

At Gorham, N. H. H. BOLT, Agent at the above named place, has on hand the largest stock of Ready-made Clothing, and Furnishing Goods in the State, consisting in part of Coats, Pants, Vests, Shirts, Gaiters, Hosiery, Boots and Shoes, Neckties, &c. &c. together with Fur Goods in endless profusion. Dressing, plain and fancy. Broad Cloths, Cashmeres, Vestings, and Overalls always on hand and made to order. We call on our customers' attention particularly to our stock of Ready-made Clothing. H. B. BOLT, Agent.

WANTED.

500 Bushels of Oats, by A. P. KNIGHT & CO.

FARMYR'S EXCHANGE.

The subscriber, having purchased a new stock of goods wanted by everybody, consisting in part of

GROCERIES.

DRY GOODS.

READY MADE CLOTHING.

Fancy Goods.

Paints & Oils, Patent Medicines.

Crockery and Glass Ware.

Ware of all kinds, Barn-door trucks

of all sizes, Ovens, Ash and Boiler

Mouths, Cauldron Kettles, all sizes.

Cooking Stoves, different patterns,

for sale very low for cash or approved credit, Box and Cylind

Stoves, for offices, all of which will be sold cheap.

Agent for the Auburn Plows.

Having secured the services of a

competent Tin Plate and Sheet Iron

Worker I am prepared to do all kinds

of Job Work, with neatness and dis-

patch

Iron and Steel, in large and small

quantities. Blacksmiths furnished

at reasonable rates.

All the above goods and many

others to numerous to particularize

will be sold low.

Country Produce wanted

in exchange for Goods

JOHN HARRIS.

LOST.

On the 10th inst. a GOLD RING with a white stone. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same with A. Davis & Co.

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ALLS CLASS AS FOLLOWS:—

To Portland, 10 A. M.

To Island Pond, 4 P. M.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

Learning train leaves Bethel for Portland 10:30 A. M. Returning—arrives from Portland 4:12 P. M.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M.

1:30 P. M., in the following churches:—

First Cong.,—Rev. Mr. Wessels.

Second Cong.,—Rev. Mr. GARR.

Universalist,—Rev. Mr. GARR.

MEETINGS FOR PRAYER.

On play evenings at 6:20 o'clock, at the

De la Class, Tuesday evenings. Prayer Meeting Saturday evenings.

To Horse Owners.

DR. SWETT'S INFALLIBLE LINIMENT.

FOR RHEUMATISM is unrivaled by any in the

country. It is a simple preparation, and

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